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Chapter ____
Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Statistical Commission held its thirty-sixth session at United Nations Headquarters from 1 to 4 March 2005. The Commission held ___ meetings (1st to ___).

B. Attendance

2. The session was attended by representatives of 24 States members of the Commission. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations and for non-member States, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and observers for intergovernmental, non-governmental and other organizations also attended. A list of participants is contained in document E/CN.3/2005/INF/1.

C. Election of officers

3. At its 1st meeting, on 1 March 2005, the Commission elected the following officers by acclamation:

Chairperson:
Katherine Wallman (United States of America)

Vice-Chairpersons:
Grace Bediako (Ghana)
Li Deshui (China)
Vladimir Sokolin (Russian Federation)

Rapporteur:
Gilberto Calvillo Vives (Mexico)

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D. Agenda and organization of work

4. At the same meeting, the Commission adopted its provisional agenda, as contained in document E/CN.3/2005/1. The agenda read as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Follow-up to policy decisions of the Economic and Social Council: working methods of the Statistical Commission.
4. Economic statistics:
   (a) Programme review: energy statistics;
   (b) National accounts;
   (c) Service statistics;
   (d) Statistics of international trade in services;
   (e) International Comparison Programme;
   (f) Price statistics;
   (g) Informal sector statistics.
5. Demographic and social statistics:
   (a) Population and housing censuses;
   (b) Health statistics;
   (c) Poverty statistics;
   (d) Disability statistics.
6. Natural resources and environment statistics:
   (a) Environmental accounting;
   (b) Environment statistics.
7. Activities not classified by field:
   (a) Statistical capacity-building;
   (b) International economic and social classifications;
   (c) Indicators for follow-up to United Nations conferences;
   (d) Presentation of statistical data and metadata;
   (e) Common open standards for the exchange and sharing of data and metadata;
   (f) Information and communication technologies statistics;
   (g) Coordination and integration of statistical programmes;
   (h) Programme questions (United Nations Statistics Division).
8. Provisional agenda and dates for the thirty-seventh session of the Commission.
9. Report of the Commission on its thirty-sixth session.

5. Also at its 1st meeting, the Commission approved the organization of work of the session (E/CN.3/2005/L.1).

6. At the same meeting, the Commission invited the following organizations to participate as observers at the thirty-sixth session: Arab Institute for Training and Research in Statistics; Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries; Bank for International Settlements; and International Energy Agency.

E. Documentation

7. The documents before the Commission at its thirty-sixth session are listed in annex ____ to the present report.